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**Reaction of Suzuki Motors Company on disinvestment of Government equity**

3947. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Suzuki Motors Company has been consulted in the matter of disinvestment of equity of Government; and

(b) if so, the Company's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) The Government, at this stage, has decided to adopt the option of offer of shares on a rights basis to the existing shareholders with a renunciation option for the Government in the case of Maruti Udyog Ltd. Negotiations with Suzuki Motor Corporation Limited have not yet been completed and as such it is premature to indicate the reaction of Suzuki Motor Corporation Limited.

**India's Share in World Population**

3948. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India has added about 181 million persons to its population between 1999-2001, which was more than the estimated population of Brazil, the fifth most populous country in the world;

(b) whether India's share of the world population stood at 16.7 per cent;

(c) which State is most populous and which State is with lowest percentage of population in the country; and

(d) the concrete steps Government have taken or propose to take so as to give incentives to persons following family control schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) As per UN Publication, projected population of the World for 2000 was 6055 million. India's population as on 1st March, 2001 was